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Vermont's primary vote was almost as big as an election.

There is no doubt that Germany has new respect for France, which had been called a decadent nation.

Senator Page will be 80 years of age if he completes the term of office which he is slated to fill beginning next March.

Allen M. Fletcher is now being told by his supporters that he ought never to have gone into the contest for senator.

The Vermont legislature blazed the way for the Massachusetts legislature, and the latter was true to the mark in following the trail.

Now and then comes along a Vermont newspaper which spells the name of Roger W. Hulburd correctly. Many of them hurl an "r" into the last name.

Now to make it unanimous, Allen M. Fletcher ought to send his felicitations to Senator Carroll S. Page, just as Gov. Charles W. Gates has done. It would prove that Fletcher is not a poor loser.

Editor W. C. Belknap of Bellows Falls fell without the breastworks in his efforts to secure the Republican nomination for representative from the town of Rockingham, but he is permitted to go right back to work supporting someone else's aspirations for public office. That is a privilege permitted to every newspaper man.

The acquisition of William Howard Taft to the Hughes support adds considerable prestige because it makes the second ex-president of the United States who comes out in support of the Republican nominee. No doubt, however, that Wilson would have similar support were there any living ex-presidents of the Democratic political persuasion.

The official notification of Thomas R. Marshall that he was nominated by the Democratic national convention as Democratic candidate for vice-president winds up the rather silly business of formally passing the word which the nominees knew just as soon as anybody else did. The only excuse for the practice is that it gives the nominees a chance to present their opinions; and that chance is theirs at any and all times after they become the nominees.

The removal, by death, of James E. Burke of West Rutland takes from Vermont one of the most prominent of the younger business men and one of the leading members of the minority political party of the state. For many years Mr. Burke had been one of the leaders in the Democratic circles, particularly in that faction known as the progressive section of the organization, and he was regarded as a power in politics. He numbered his friends and well-wishers not alone in that party, however, because his genial ways made him popular wherever he went.

Without making any invidious comparison, we should like to point out that the northern part of Vermont gained considerably better than a majority of the nominations at the recent primary. Graham for governor is a northerner, as is his running-mate, Roger W. Hulburd. Then, too, Secretary of State Bailey resides in the northern slice, as does Benjamin Gates, the nominee for state auditor. Finally, to add emphasis to the preponderance of northern blood, it may be stated that both the Republican nominees for representatives in Congress as well as the nominee for United States senator, live in towns which are far north. It leaves to the southern tiers of counties the attorney general and state treasurer nominations. However, another two years might turn the tables.

RETURNING VERMONT TO THE BACKWOODS GRADUALLY.

Announcement is made by William A. Shaw, meteorologist at the United States weather bureau station in Northfield, that the publication of the daily weather map at that station was discontinued with the Thursday issue this week and that for the time-being the map will be issued from the Burlington station, after which the map will be supplied from Boston. A large number of people will regret the elimination of this feature of the weather bureau work at Northfield, and eventually the elimination of the publication from any Vermont station, because they had come to look forward to the daily appearance of the bulletin. It is certain that a bulletin issued from Boston will not be of much service to the state of Vermont because the bulletin mailed in Boston would arrive too late to give any advance information of the weather conditions. In other words, we shall have experienced the weather itself before we get the information of what that weather is to be. And that, obviously, would not be of any advantage. Moreover, the discontinuance of the daily weather bulletins from any Vermont station of the weather bureau means a certain diminishing of the importance of those stations and might

mean the elimination of the stations themselves at some date not as yet apparent. The lopping-off of the agencies of those stations is said to have been projected in the interests of economy in national administration. It is possible to accomplish economy at the expense of the people, by depriving them of some of the conveniences which they have been accustomed to have.

CURRENT COMMENT

Georgia's Humiliation.

In a spirited contest in popular primary in Georgia on Tuesday, Hugh M. Dorsey, who made his fight for governor on the Leo Frank issue, wins the nomination. He was the solicitor-general who prosecuted the unfortunate man, appealing in the campaign just closed to the mob sympathy by an attack on John M. Slaton, who as governor commuted Frank's sentence from death to life imprisonment.

Most outside observers who approached the situation without prejudice—and there were a large number of them—believe Frank was innocent. But such has been the fury of the Georgians that they are making the gubernatorial nomination on this basis. To what greater lengths could vindictiveness and prejudice go!—Boston Herald.

Page's Victory.

Well, Vermont has had its first experience with the direct primary, and it leaves Senator Carroll S. Page "sticking close to the job." As a result of yesterday's voting, the veteran senator from Hyde Park is assured of another term in Washington, or at least as much of it as his age will allow him to serve. The Reformer looks for no great things from Senator Page from now on for the reason that he has accomplished nothing conspicuously statesmanlike in the eight years he has already been in Washington. His victory yesterday came about as the result of the most determined support of the organization forces throughout the state, and it forecasts another equally stubborn contest when the time comes to name his successor.

While naturally disappointed at Senator Page's victory the Reformer is able to extract considerable comfort from the primary results. First and foremost, it notes with extreme approval the way Battleground repudiated the Page appeal. Townshend, Vernon and Wardsboro are open to congratulation for the same reason. Furthermore, the operation of the primary in this county demonstrates that a candidate from a small town can win against one from a large town, opponents of the new law to the contrary notwithstanding. This is shown by the lead which Mr. DeWitt of Newfane secured over Mr. Divoll of Rockingham in the senatorial contest. Another good thing that the primary has accomplished is the overturn of the custom of passing around the office of state's attorney, Mr. Daley's nomination means that the duties of this important office will be in the hands of a competent and experienced man during the next two years.

As nearly as can be determined at this time the primary method of nomination has come up to the expectations of its supporters on its first test, and it is safe to assume that any attempt to bring about its repeal will meet with immediate and positive disapproval.—Brattleboro Reformer.

"Let the People Rule."

Some of our contemporaries have expressed surprise at the small number of Republicans who turned out in Vermont the other day to express a choice as to their candidate for the United States Senate. We take the opposite view. We are surprised that so many voters took the trouble to express a preference among the candidates whom the new and progressive theory of "letting the people rule" had brought to the front. In the old days of the boss and the caucus, and the money power and everything else that was nefarious, the little Green Mountain state sent to the Senate George E. Edmunds and Justin S. Morrill, statesmen of the first order. The former, still living in Philadelphia at the age of 88, with his mind as clear as a bell, was one of the great figures in a great period, one of the few Americans who could have had the presidency had he consented to accept it. Morrill, his long time associate, gave his name to the tariff act of 1863, and lived to take a serviceable part in the legislation leading up to the Spanish war. These were giants, but they came into prominence as lawmakers before the modern idea, as exemplified in the popular primary, had made its blissful appearance.

What has now happened in Vermont, with such peerless traditions of statesmanship? Its voters have just renominated Carroll S. Page, one of the least useful men that Vermont ever sent to the Senate. He is, of course, originally a product of the old system, but at the age of 73, with no quickening of mental vigor with the years, "the people" give him "another term." He is a dealer in raw calfskins, and very rich. One of his opponents, who thought of himself as a proper instrument by which the people might rule, was Allan M. Fletcher, commonly rated at \$200,000, made in the West. Lured for summer resort purposes to the home of his forebears, he has been for a decade or so an all the year round resident. Of undeniable business capacity, he would be without marked senatorial qualifications.

Charles W. Gates, who ran third in this race, probably was the most nearly deserving of senatorial honors. He is a poor man. By nominating him the people could have shown how little affected the new system was by those aids to success which money can buy. Not liberally educated, he has some capacity as a surveyor and engineer, and would be particularly competent as a highway commissioner. He would, as a senator, have been a good man on the District of Columbia committee.

We do not raise these contrasts for the purpose of speaking unkindly of the three Vermonters who sought this commanding distinction. We deem it, however, pertinent to record that the popularized machinery for the nominating and electing of senators has as yet done nothing to improve the product. Quite the contrary! Mountains and hillocks never looked in stranger disparity than the Senate of the period of Edmunds and Morrill and that which our popular primary on both sides of the political fence is now building up.

This old Bay state has a chance, happily, in the coming contest, to retain in the United States Senate one of its leaders of distinction. Only a few of them are left. It is an open question whether if we had to start in over again to pick out a Republican candidate for

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KAMP KILL KARE CLOSED.

Popular Vacation Resort for Boys Had Good Year.

St. Albans, Sept. 15.—Kamp Kill Kare, a recreation and tutoring camp on Rocky point, Lake Champlain, closed to-day after its tenth successful season, when the last of the boys who have been there left for their homes. Some of the counselors will remain a few days longer closing up matters for the summer. The season was extended about a week on account of the postponement of the opening of schools generally but many of the boys left before labor day on account of the threatened railroad strike.

During the season there are tennis tournaments in camp, swimming meets, canoe races, etc. Some of these are for the camp alone while some are inter-camp contests, and the baseball schedule included nearby teams.

In the main building, which once was the Rocky Point hotel, are located the mess rooms, the administrative office, the sleeping rooms for guests. Here also are the rooms in which the boys who are tutoring and this means nearly every boy in camp, work under the direction of their instructors. There is also a room where stationary, pens and ink are available for the use of the boys. It is of interest that every boy in camp is required to write a letter home at least once a week.

There are tents where the boys sleep and there are cottages on an adjoining island for the use of the married counselors.

The localities represented in the personnel of the camp this year were Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Delaware and Vermont, the latter having only one representative, while Cuba sent two boys.

NEW CHURCH BEING BUILT.

Catholic Edifice at North Troy Will Be Ready in Winter.

North Troy, Sept. 15.—A new Catholic church edifice is now in process of erection on the corner of Pleasant street and Highland avenue in this village. It is to be 40 feet wide and 100 feet in length, part shingles and part clapboard outside covering, with a deep cement basement of about nine feet.

The present contract, between the Catholic diocese of Burlington and Henry E. Chamberlain, contractor, of this place, calls for the erection of the building, with external completion, so far as framework is involved, and for the structure to be lathed within ready for the plaster, but there is no provision with regard to the interior finish, this being, therefore, a matter for later contract. No definite time is contractually provided for the completion of the work now under way but it is intended to have the building as near ready as possible by Thanksgiving time. Probably before the work is to be done under the present contract is finished arrangements, by extension of present contract or otherwise, will be made for the completion of the interior work so that the church will be ready for occupancy by early winter.

The building is on one of the most desirable sites in town, where, when completed, it will occupy a pleasant eminence in the village yet slightly removed from the busiest section. It is understood that it will be one of the most imposing church structures in this section.

His Mistake.

Judge (interrupting long winded lawyer)—Can't you take it for granted that I understand an ordinary point of law? Lawyer (coolly)—Your Honor, that's the mistake I made in the lower court where I lost my case.—Boston Globe.

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